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SELECTIVELY ENFORCING NETWORK  
SECURITY POLICIES USING GROUP  
IDENTIFIERS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until April 3, 2005. Please reconsider the subject application in light of the remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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